

Reading and Thinking.

Books are no substitute for talk. They come out of talk and go back into talk. We doubt if reading alone ever made "a full man." It has been said that reading is thinking with some one else's head, but talking is thinking—If we may borrow a single from the motor car—with two head power. As a bookworm is to the man of the world, so is the silent thinker to the talking thinker. The man who does not talk is a stranger upon earth. He does not know his fellows, and they do not know him, and those we do not know we cannot greatly like. "Little do men perceive what solitude is and how far it extendeth, for a crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures, and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love." Yet a man may do heroic deeds and never talk at all in our sense of the word, and he may be a learned man and never express an opinion on any subject of the first consequence. All the same, we agree with Bacon that, inasmuch as he is shut up in himself, "closeness doth impair, and a little perish his understanding."—London Spectator.

Salad Days.

Quite the simplest interpretation of the trite phrase "salad days" refers it simply to the fresh green quality and character of such vegetables as are grown for salad and which may be taken as typical of the raw inexperience of youth. Probably it was used in this connection by Shakespeare in "Antony and Cleopatra."

My salad days,
When I was green in judgment.

Another and very different derivation links the expression with salie, or saddle, the block upon which in olden days schoolboys were birched. In this form the words are allied to the "pen" or "orth of salad oil," for which, on All Fools' days, boys were sent to the saddler's shop, where they often met with a warm reception.

It is just possible that the term had some reference to the "Saladine-tenth," a tax imposed by Pope Innocent III, to provide funds from England and France for the crusade led by Richard I., but this seems needlessly far-fetched.

A Round of Pleasure.

The philanthropic lady sat in the midst of the McFadden family, expatiating with them in a pained voice on the frequency with which they chased "the festive can" around the corner to the nearest liquor saloon.

"You ought to provide some kind of wholesome amusement for your family," said the philanthropic lady sternly to the abashed McFadden. "You should do something to lighten the burden of living. Every life needs a little sunshine in it."

"Oh, missus," spoke up Miss McFadden, aged thirteen, eagerly, "we has plenty of fun. There's always a fight or somethin' entertainin' goin' on in the thimint. Why, oncy last week a gentleman cut a lady's throat and drug her past our door."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Arctic and Tropic Sunsets.

Sunsets in the tropics as I have witnessed them, although full of rich colorings, cannot vie with the color harmonies of the poles. Even the nights of the tropics, full as they are of beauty and richness of color, are not comparable with those of the arctic night, when the moon is of a brilliance inconceivable to southern eyes, and the sun, although hidden during the long night, makes its presence felt by an orange radiance at the southern horizon at noon, and on starlit nights the snow-crystals give out a shimmering glow. The tropical blue sea has a charm which the green of the south Atlantic lacks entirely.—Frank Wilbert Stokes in Century.

A Bit of Browning Satire.

A medley of young literary men were once gathered to meet Robert Browning. The most aggressively literary of the group was first introduced and at once began to pour out his personal delight and admiration with so unceasing a flow that the other introductions were being held in abeyance, and the other literary young men, starved, Browning endured it with great good humor for some time. At last he put his hand almost affectionately on the egotist's shoulder and said, "But I am monopolizing you."

The New Woman's Quandary.

"Yes," the new woman remarked, "I am greatly troubled."
"By what?"
"Well, I want to get married just to prove that I can, and I don't want to get married just to prove that I don't have to. If I don't, they'll say I can't; if I do, they'll say I have no more independence than any other woman."—Chicago Post.

Proud of Him.

"Is your son Josh doing well in the city?"
"I should say he is," answered Farmer Cornatossel. "He bought a gold brick the first day he was there and come home and sold it to me for twice what it cost him. I tell you, that boy's got enterprise."—Washington Star.

Pulverized Sugar.

If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar and pretty girls the fine pulverized sugar. Pass the pulverized sugar, please.—Anastion (Ala.) Hot Blast.

Perfect Happiness.

"Do you really believe there is such a thing in this world as perfect happiness?"
"Of course, but some other fellow always has it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A sunny temper glides the edges of life's blackest cloud.—Guthrie.

THE NEW YEAR.

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has been severely felt here. Several hundred men were thrown out of employment. One of the large factories in this town was closed on account of financial difficulties, and some of the factories adopted a short time schedule. The present indications are that the depression in trade is but temporary and that all the local industries will soon be busy again.

In the course of the new year the Board of Trade will experiment with a scheme for furthering the material welfare of the town by endeavoring to attract home-seekers from New York city to this town. Many of New York city's suburbs have been developed by just such work as the Board of Trade proposes to undertake here. The Board has made an appeal to citizens for funds with which to enable it to carry out its plan, and there is a prospect of a liberal response.

One of the pleasing features in the prospectus of the new year is the annual banquet of the Board of Trade, which takes place in March.

It is not unlikely that an effort will be made during the new year to have the Essex County Park Commissioners take some action towards creating a park here in Bloomfield. The prospects for success along that line are not at all promising, but one of the Board of Trade committees has the matter in hand and is only awaiting a favorable opportunity to submit it to the Commissioners.

The year 1903 noted some favorable changes in the matter of street railway transportation in this town. The changes were the result of the organization of the Public Service Corporation, a capitalistic enterprise that is going to play a large and important part in the matter of passenger transportation in the Jersey suburbs of New York city, and the year 1904 is likely to bring forth still greater changes and improvements than any that occurred in 1903. Newark is now the objective point of the street car transportation business in Essex County, but the Public Service Corporation has a more extensive scope in view, and is going to compete for New York business in that section of this county and Hudson County from the Orange Mountains eastward. It seems like a impossible undertaking from a business standpoint, but the impossibility only lies in erroneously looking at the matter from the standpoint of existing conditions. The aim of the Public Service Corporation will be to change conditions so that the long distance transportation by trolley will be cheap and speedy to the passengers and profitable to the company. The abolishment of the Hudson river ferriage, it is conceded, will be one great and important change, and is a possibility of the near future.

Bloomfield is so situated that it is likely to derive a full share of the material benefit that is sure to follow all betterments in transportation facilities. The steam railroad officials are alive to the ambitions of the trolley corporation and are anticipating the possible competition by extensive improvements of their lines. Superintendent Ketchum of the Lackawanna Company, recently commenting on this subject, said: "The Lackawanna every day carries 45,000 persons between New York city and nearby towns. Its suburban business is larger than that of the New York Central road on its main line and its Harlem division. The desire of the Lackawanna is to provide the best possible service. The elevation of the tracks denotes the aim of the company to meet the demands made upon it. To-day it has not the facilities that it ought to have, and for this reason, while it advertises for through travel, it is making no effort to increase the suburban travel. When it is in better condition to cope with the growing population along its line it will do something to attract people to this part of the State."

Five years ago a new form of government was adopted in this town. A large section of the former township had seceded and established an independent government. The causes that led to that secession were said by some to be due to a weakness in the existing form of local government, and in order to prevent other threatened secessions a new and stronger form of government was adopted. Among the features of the new form which was hailed with satisfaction by a large number of people was one vesting exclusive powers in the

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